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--ABSTRACT

The method is for using the Internet to facilitate a transaction between a customer and at least one supplier of music scores to discourage illegal copying of music scores. The customer contacts a website (16) of the service unit (18) and sends a request signal (19) to the website (16) to obtain a music-score (20). The service unit (18) digitally searches for the music score (20) in a database (22). When no copy is available, request signals (24a-c) are sent to the suppliers (26, 28, 30). If a copy is available, the supplier sends an affirmation signal and the digital copy (35) of the music score to the service unit (18). The service unit (18) can also make transpositions according to the requirements of the customer (12). The service unit (18) charges the customer (12) that pays and then forwards the digital copy. The service unit (18) then compensates the supplier (28) minus a service charge.--